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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

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HOME DEPARTMENT
(SERVICES-III)

SETTING UP OF ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNITS (AHTUs) IN TEN DISTRICTS OF A.P. AT CHITTOOR, EAST GODAVARI, KADAPA, KURNOOL, KRISHNA, NELLORE, PRAKASAM, SRIKAKULAM, VISAKHAPATNAM AND VIZIANAGARAM FOR PREVENTING AND COMBATING CRIME OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS- POLICE STATION STATUS TO PROPOSED TEN (10) AHTUs ALONG WITH EXISTING THREE (3) AHTUs AT ELURU, GUNTUR, ANANTHAPUR (TOTAL 13 AHTUs) WITH DEDICATED TEAM OF OFFICERS.

[G.O.Ms.No.47, Home (Services.III), 18th May, 2021.]

NOTIFICATION

I. The Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby notify the establishment of Anti Human Trafficking Units at the below places under the direct control and supervision of the respective Superintendents of Police who will review the progress of the work turned out by these units on a monthly basis and submit a report to the State Anti Human Trafficking (AHT) Nodal Officer.

- 1) Chittoor Dist. (which includes Tirupati Urban Unit)
- 2) East Godavari Dist. (which includes Rajahmundry Urban Unit)
- 3) Kadapa Dist.
- 4) Kurnool Dist.
- 5) Krishna Dist. (which includes Vijayawada City Unit and Krishna Dist.,)
- 6) Nellore Dist.
- 7) Prakasam Dist.
- 8) Srikakulam Dist.
- 9) Visakhapatnam Dist.(which includes Visakhapatnam City Unit and Visakhapatnam Rural Dist.,)
- 10) Vizianagaram Dist.

(II) **And also in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (s) section 2 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Central Act No.2 of 1974), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby declare the all the Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) of Andhra Pradesh to be Police Stations for the purpose of the said code and they shall be housed in Disha Police Stations.**

(III) The Addl. DGP, CID, AP, Mangalagiri will be the State level Anti Human Trafficking Nodal Officer. He will supervise the Anti Human Trafficking work across the State, co-ordinate intra-state and inter-state operations to bring traffickers of all hues to justice, to rescue victims and to take up measures for rehabilitation of victims in consultation with Women and Child Welfare Department and other Departments. The Government also notifies the respective Superintendents of Police of all the Districts in Andhra Pradesh duly designating them as Nodal Officers for Anti Human Trafficking in their respective Units.

(IV) The **charter of duties** to be performed by the Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) is listed below:

1. Dealing with offences of human trafficking (HT) and providing multi disciplinary approach and ensuring a joint response by all stakeholders.
2. Dealing with HT as an '**organized crime**' with '**basket of crimes concept**' (involving offences of wrongful restraint, wrongful confinement, selling and buying minors for the purpose of prostitution, begging, bonded labour, gang rape, subjecting women and children to commercial sexual exploitation etc). Ensuring application of all Acts such as Immoral Traffic Prevention Act-1956 (I.T.P.A), Criminal Procedure Code (Cr.P.C), Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013, Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) Act-2000 (J.J Act), Bonded labour system (Abolition Act-1976) and relevant penal provisions of Indian Penal Code- (I.P.C) i.e., sections 366-A, 366-B, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 376(2)(g), 509, 341, 342, 365 IPC etc., with the help of Director of Prosecution, AP.
3. Bringing about '**inter-departmental collaboration**' among the police and all other Government agencies and departments, such as women, Children, Disabled & Senior Citizens Dept, Labour, Health, Sarva Sikhsa Abhayan etc.
4. Conducting rescue operations with the assistance of NGOs, Women & Child Department and Labour Welfare Dept whenever they receive information about trafficking activities either from police sources, or NGOs or from civil society.
5. Ensuring registration of cases from the perspective of trafficking as a '**continuous crime concept**' i.e, from the source to the destination.
6. Providing '**victim witness support**' till the end of the trial.
7. Guiding and mentoring NGOs from the prosecution perspective inter alia evidence collection, victim preparation for trial etc.
8. Ensuring '**a victim-centric approach**' which ensures the best interest of the victim / survivor and preventing secondary victimization / re-victimization of the victim as well as ensuring a gender sensitive and child rights sensitive approach in dealing with trafficked victims.
9. Functioning as the '**grass roots unit**' for collection and development of an exhaustive database on all law enforcement aspects of the crime, including information on traffickers secret networks and trafficking gangs, which they will convey to the District and State Crime Records Bureau for further transmission to the National Crime Records Bureau. AHTUs will facilitate availability of comprehensive national level data on this criminal activity.

10. The AHTU will attend to all the three aspects of trafficking viz., **prevention, protection and prosecution**. The AHTU will thus be the **'field level functional unit'** to address human trafficking in a holistic manner.
11. The AHTUs will work closely with the District Administration and with Project Directors of Department for Women, Children, Disabled, Senior Citizens. They will ensure access to timely relief to victim as per Government policy vide GO Ms.No.1 of WD, CW & DW (Progs) Dept dt.03.01.2003, sanction of Interim Relief fund and other relief as per GO Ms.No.28 of Department for Women, Children, Disabled & Senior Citizens, dated: 13.06.2011 to the victims and send monthly returns to AP State Nodal Officer, ADGP, CID.

(V) The Addl. Director General of Police, CID being the State Level AHT Nodal Officer shall coordinate and review the work of all AHTUs from time to time.

(VI) The Superintendents of Police for the concerned Districts shall be the District Nodal Officers of the respective Districts. In case of Krishna District, CP Vijayawada, shall be the District Nodal Officer; in case of Visakhapatnam District CP Visakhapatnam shall be the District Nodal Officer; in case of Rajahmundry Police Unit, SP East Godavari shall be the District Nodal Officer; in case of Guntur District (which includes Guntur Rural Unit), SP Guntur Urban shall be the District Nodal Officer; in case of Tirupati Urban District, SP Chittoor shall be the District Nodal Officer.

(VII) The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh shall take measures to setup the ten (10) Anti Human Trafficking Units as mentioned above with a strength of one (1) Inspector, two (2) Sub-Inspectors, two (2) Head Constables and two (2) Police Constables in each Unit under the supervision and control of the respective Superintendents of Police. The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, may provide the strength in the ranks of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of Police from out of the Vacancy Reserve strength sanctioned to the concerned unit. The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, will arrange for the Head Constables and Police Constables by way of attachment from the concerned district strength. He may also provide infra structure facilities and take up adequate training of police personnel for effective implementation of the scheme. He shall also formulate an implementable scheme for victim compensation as envisaged in Section 357-A Cr.P.C.

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